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Orange County Immigration Offices Moving to New Location

New spaces will centralize services in Santa Ana

SANTA ANA, Calif.— The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) announced today that beginning on Tuesday, July 3, a number of the services currently offered at its Westminster and Laguna Niguel locations will be moved to the new Orange County Sub-Office located at 34 Civic Center Plaza in the city of Santa Ana. The new office will be open Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"We're very excited about the move," said John Brechtel, Officer-in-Charge of the INS' Orange County Sub-Office. "Santa Ana is the seat of government in Orange County and this move allows us to centralize all of our services in one much more accessible location."

The move will consolidate all of the services offered at the INS office at 14560 Magnolia Street in Westminster and the Citizenship Unit in Laguna Niguel — including information, adjustment of status, and citizenship. The office will also process advance parole and employment authorization applications for residents within the Orange County Sub-Office's jurisdiction. All of the approximately 50 INS employees who currently work at the Westminster and Laguna Niguel locations will be moving to the Santa Ana office, which will also house the Orange County Sub-Office's enforcement unit.

In addition to the Sub-Office, the INS also has two Application Support Centers (ASCs) in Orange County. Lawful Permanent Residents can use these ASCs to renew their expiring Green Cards on a walk-in basis. The ASCs are located in Buena Park at 8381 La Palma Ave., and Santa Ana at 1666 N. Main Street.

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